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BYLAW FOCUSES ON IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Medicine Hat – Medicine Hat Bylaw Enforcement will be looking for infractions related to improper disposal of waste throughout the month of October.

"There are several municipal bylaws, as well as the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act that have provisions dealing with the improper disposal of waste within the community," says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "We will be focusing on those that fail to properly contain and transport waste as well as those that deliberately dispose of waste in an inappropriate manner."

The disposal of waste includes discharging, depositing, dumping, throwing, dropping, discarding, abandoning, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting and emptying of a solid or liquid material.

Placing waste out in a container that is not capable of properly holding the waste, or having waste that has spilled or fallen from the container, is also an offence.

"Bylaw 1805 and Bylaw 1556 of the City of Medicine Hat require waste material being transported to be completely covered. This is to prevent the waste material from falling or blowing out of the vehicle transporting the waste," says Crittenden.

Throwing, dropping or abandoning waste on a highway or other public or private property will also be enforced. This includes such things as throwing cigarette butts out of a moving vehicle and abandoning unwanted items at charity drop off bins.

For more information, contact Fred Crittenden at 529-8436 or visit the City website at www.medicinehat.ca.

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